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Letter dated 7 April 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 28 February 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to you (S/2005/138), I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a note verbale dated 3 April 2005 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Annex to the letter dated 7 April 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Note verbale dated 3 April 2005 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran and, with reference to the note verbale dated 19 February 2005 of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates (see S/2005/138), has the honour to state the following:

All measures taken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to Abu-Musa Island are in conformity with the Islamic Republic of Iran's rights of national sovereignty and territorial integrity and do not contradict the provisions of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja.

The Islamic Republic of Iran still emphasizes the continuation of bilateral negotiations with the relevant officials in the United Arab Emirates with a view to removing any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja.